

The Hutchinson amendment that expresses the sense of the Congress that the National Weather Service must take into account the life threatening nature of weather patterns in Wind Zone IV, otherwise known as tornado alley, before making any determination on the closure of any of its local weather service offices (agreed to by a division vote of 5 ayes to 3 noes).

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The Clerk was authorized in the engrossment of H.R. 1553 to make technical corrections to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 175, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to earlier by voice vote.

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**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate appears on page H3299.

**Amendments Ordered Printed:** Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H3393.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H3346, H3346–47, H3347–48, H3348, H3351, and H3352. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION REAUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Risk Management, Research and Specialty Crops, continued hearings on Commodity Futures Trading Commission Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS; BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriation for fiscal year 2000.

The Committee also approved Suballocations of Budget Allocations for fiscal year 2000.

### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

*Committee on Armed Services:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1401, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

### WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Ordered reported amended H.R. 1180, Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999.

### CHEMICAL SAFETY INFORMATION AND SITE SECURITY ACT

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment, hearing on H.R. 1790, Chemical Safety Information and Site Security Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Ivan K. Fong, Deputy Associate Attorney General; and Robert Burnham, Chief, Domestic Terrorism Section, FBI; Timothy Fields, Jr., Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue May 26.

### OLDER AMERICANS ACT AMENDMENTS

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training, and Life Long Learning held a hearing on H.R. 782, Older Americans Act Amendments Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Marnie S. Shaul, Associate Director, Education and Employment Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 1459, Models of Safety and Health Excellence Act of 1999; H.R. 1439, Safety and Health Audit Promotion and Whistleblower Improvement Act of 1999; H.R. 987, Workplace Preservation Act; and H.R. 1381, Rewarding Performance in Compensation Act, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

### MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

*Committee on Government Reform:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 974, amended, District of Columbia College Access Act; H.R. 1074, amended, Regulatory Right-to-Know Act of 1999; H.R. 206, to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees; H.R. 100, to establish designations for United States Postal Service buildings in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; H.R. 197, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford R. Hope Post Office"; H.R. 1191, to designate certain facilities of the United States Postal Service in Chicago, Illinois; H.R. 1251, to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building"; H.R. 1377, to designate the facility of the United States Postal

Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building"; H.R. 28, Quality Child Care for Federal Employees Act; H.R. 1442, amended, Law Enforcement and Public Safety Enhancement Act of 1999; H.R. 1219, amended, Construction Industry Payment Protection Act of 1999; and H.R. 457, Organ Donor Leave Act.

The Committee also approved the following: a draft report entitled: "Making the Federal Government Accountable: Enforcing the Mandate for Effective Financial Management"; and the release of Interrogatories and Documents related to Committee investigation of illegal fundraising.

#### **OVERSIGHT—MINERALS MANAGEMENT SERVICE'S ROYALTY VALUATION PROGRAM**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held an oversight hearing on the Minerals Management Service's Royalty Valuation Program. Testimony was heard from Susan Kladiva, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Sylvia Baca, Acting Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management; and Robert Williams, Acting Inspector General; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 1659, amended, National Police Training Commission Act of 1999; H.R. 462, to clarify that governmental pension plans of the possessions of the United States shall be treated in the same manner as State pension plans for purposes of the limitation on the State income taxation of pension income; and H.R. 576, to amend title 4, United States Code, to add the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to the list of days on which the flag should especially be displayed.

The Committee also approved private relief bills.

#### **AMERICAN LAND SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a modified open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 883, American Land Sovereignty Protection Act.

The rule provides that the bill will be open for amendment at any point and that the amendment process shall not exceed 4 hours. The rule makes in order only those amendments preprinted in the Congressional Record and pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that the amend-

ments may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or his designee, shall be considered as read, and may be amended.

The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes during consideration of the bill, and to reduce voting time to five minutes on a postponed question if the vote follows a fifteen minute vote. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Miller of California and Vento.

#### **NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE DEPLOYMENT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule which makes in order a motion to concur in the Senate amendment in the House to the bill, H.R. 4, to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense. The rule provides 1 hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services.

#### **VETERAN'S MILLENNIUM HEALTH CARE ACT**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Veteran's Millennium Health Care Act. Testimony was heard from Kenneth W. Kitser, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans' organizations.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1999**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to continue hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for foreign assistance programs, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings on S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings on issues relating to commercial space, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* to resume hearings to examine damage to the national security from alleged Chinese espionage at the Department of Energy nuclear weapons laboratories, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation, to hold hearings on S. 348, to